



UTAH SYSTEM OF
HIGHER EDUCATION

MEMORANDUM

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September 17, 2021

Progress Update on Utah Board of Higher Education Strategic Plan

The Commissioner's Office has completed a project plan for each of the tactics identified in the Board's strategic plan, and has uploaded each of the project plans into a project management system. The Commissioner's Office will demonstrate the project management system at the Committee of the Whole on September 17, 2021.

Progress on the strategic plan will be reported at each Board meeting, and regular updates on progress on the strategic plan will be posted on the [strategic plan webpage at ushe.edu](https://www.ushe.edu/strategic-plan).

Background

In 2020, Utah's two higher education systems merged, creating a single system of 16 higher education institutions. The Utah Board of Higher Education adopted a comprehensive strategic plan in May 2021 to guide the newly-merged System for the next five years. The Board's strategic plan focuses on six key priorities:

- System Unification
- Access
- Affordability
- Completion
- Workforce Alignment
- Research

The strategic plan is guided by two main themes:

1. Alignment of measures between statewide postsecondary attainment goals and performance-based funding
2. Centering of educational equity and inclusion, so that higher education opportunities exist for all Utahns

Commissioner's Recommendation

Information item only.